



Minutes

Greater Dayton RTA Board of Trustees Public Board Meeting

September 2, 2025

Trustees: John A. Lumpkin, Jr., President
Ashton S. Dupler
Al Fullenkamp
Belinda Matthews-Stenson
Grady L. Mullins
Thomas Weckesser

Excused: Nikol Miller
Sharon D. White, Vice President
David P. Williamson

Staff: Bob Ruzinsky, Chief Executive Officer
Daron Brown, Chief Maintenance Officer
Roland Caldwell, Chief Transportation Officer
Christopher Conard, Coolidge Wall, Co. LPA
Cathy Garner, Senior Executive Administrative Assistant
Brandon Policicchio, Chief Customer and Business Development Officer
Mary K. Stanforth, Chief Financial Officer
Robert Stevens, Chief Labor Officer

Others: Interested citizens (see attached sheet)

Call Meeting to Order

Mr. Lumpkin called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. A quorum was present and proper notice of the meeting had been given.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Lumpkin led attendees in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken:

Mr. Dupler	Yes	Mr. Mullins	Yes
Mr. Fullenkamp	Yes	Mr. Weckesser	Yes
Mr. Lumpkin	Yes	Ms. White	Excused
Ms. Matthews-Stenson	Yes	Mr. Williamson	Excused
Ms. Miller	Excused		

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Lumpkin stated Greater Dayton Regional Transit Authority (RTA) By-Laws require Board Trustees approval of today’s Board Meeting Agenda. The Agenda was mailed in advance, and Mr. Lumpkin asked if there are any changes to the Agenda?

Upon hearing no requests or changes, Mr. Lumpkin DECLARED APPROVAL of today’s Board Meeting Agenda.

APPROVAL OF AUGUST 5, 2025 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Lumpkin asked if anyone requests a reading of the minutes or are there changes to the minutes?

Upon hearing no requests or changes, Mr. Lumpkin DECLARED APPROVAL of the August 5, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes.

FINANCE/PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT (BELINDA MATTHEWS-STENSON)

Ms. Matthews-Stenson stated the Finance/Personnel and Planning Committees met for a jointly held meeting on August 19th, and as a result, the Finance/Personnel Committee is recommending two (2) Action Items for the Board’s consideration.

ACTION ITEM #2 – FEASIBILITY STUDY – NEXGEN TROLLEY BUS BATTERY REPLACEMENT

Ms. Matthews-Stenson stated the purpose of this procurement is for RTA to obtain the services of Kiepe

Electric, the NexGen trolley manufacturer, to conduct a feasibility study to evaluate battery replacement options for RTA’s NexGen Trolley Bus Fleet. The current battery system has an estimated life of six (6) to ten (10) years. The batteries have been in service for six (6) years. However, the current battery manufacturer, Voltabox, in Germany, has made the decision that it will no longer provide replacement parts for our battery system. This feasibility study will provide the RTA with the most optimal and cost-effective battery system replacement recommendation from the bus manufacturer, Kiepe Electric.

MOTION MADE by Ms. Mathews-Stenson and SECONDED by Mr. Fullenkamp to APPROVE a CONTRACT AWARD to Kiepe Electric in the amount of \$250,000 with a \$50,000 Contingency to perform a feasibility study for the replacement of RTA’s NexGen Trolley Bus battery system. The total AWARD is \$300,000.

MOTION CARRIED by voice vote.

Ayes: Six Nays: None

ACTION ITEM #3 – TRANSPORTATION UNIFORMS

Ms. Mathews-Stenson stated the purpose of this procurement is for RTA to contract with a company that can provide all uniform items for Transit Operators and Transit Ambassadors. RTA is a professional organization that supports high standards of appearance for its operators and ambassadors.

MOTION MADE by Ms. Mathews-Stenson and SECONDED by Mr. Weckesser to APPROVE a three (3) year contract with two (2) optional Years to Superior Uniforms. The three (3) year contract totals \$517,123 with Option Year 1 in the amount of \$191,761 and Option Year 2 at \$ 204,639, for a grand total of \$913,523.

MOTION CARRIED by voice vote.

Ayes: Six Nays: None

Other items to mention:

The June 2025 Financial Report, as well as Small Purchases Information, has been included in today's Board package.

PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT (TOM WECKESSER)

Mr. Weckesser stated the Finance/Personnel and Planning Committees met for a jointly held meeting on August 19th, and the Planning Committee is recommending three (3) Action Items for the Board's consideration.

ACTION ITEM #4 – PHONE REPLACEMENT SYSTEM

Mr. Weckesser stated the purpose of this action item is to procure a full replacement of RTA's aging phone system to support short and long-term operational and customer service goals.

The upgrade will modernize communications, improve reliability, reduce maintenance, and introduce cloud-based features like contact center tools and dispatch integration.

After evaluation, ConnX, Inc. was selected for its Cisco Webex Calling-based solution, which met technical needs, offered scalability, and had the most competitive total cost of ownership.

MOTION MADE by Mr. Weckesser and SECONDED by Ms. Matthews-Stenson to APPROVE a five (5) year contract AWARD to ConnX, Inc. in the amount of \$1,060,381 for the Phone System Replacement plus a 10% contingency of \$106,038 for a grand total of \$1,166,419.

MOTION CARRIED by voice vote.

Ayes: Six Nays: None

ACTION ITEM #5 – CLEVER DEVICES MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT

Mr. Weckesser stated the purpose of this action item is to approve a maintenance and support contract with Clever Devices Ltd. to ensure continued operation of its Intelligent Transportation System.

Clever Devices provides the hardware and software that support critical transit functions such as vehicle tracking,

computer-aided dispatch, and performance data reporting. These systems are essential for delivering safe, efficient, and responsive fixed-route services.

As part of the agreement, RTA will also implement Clever Devices' Disruption Management Solution. This system will enhance RTA's ability to manage and respond to service interruptions in real time, improving operational resilience and customer communication. Additionally, the contract includes integration with Microsoft Entra ID, which will centralize and secure user authentication, further strengthening system security and access control.

MOTION MADE by Mr. Weckesser and SECONDED by Mr. Dupler to APPROVE the renewal of the Clever Devices, LTD Maintenance Agreement for a two-year base contract of \$1,291,843 with two one-year options totaling \$683,176 and \$706,388, respectively. The inclusion of the Disruption Management Solution valued at \$389,570 and the Microsoft Intra ID Integration valued at \$74,485 results in a total contract value of \$3,145,462.

MOTION CARRIED by voice vote.

Ayes: Six Nays: None

ACTION ITEM #6 – UPDATE PUBLIC RECORDS POLICY

Mr. Weckesser stated the purpose of this action item is to update RTA's current public records policy. The policy is being updated to align with current Ohio Law.

MOTION MADE by Mr. Weckesser and SECONDED by Ms. Matthews-Stenson to APPROVE the updated Human Resources, Public Records Policy #1.

MOTION CARRIED by voice vote.

Ayes: Six Nays: None

Additional Information

At the meeting, Mr. Policicchio also provided a summary document of recent activities going on in the Customer and Business Development Department.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORT

Mr. Ruzinsky stated he is pleased to recognize four Staff members who are in the audience today, as they were recently promoted.

Ms. Julie Hoffman has been with RTA for over 6 years and was recently promoted to the role of Director of Capital Management. Ms. Hoffman does many great things that Bob used to do, and he is really proud of her!

Ms. Shanel Kilgore has been with RTA for just one year; however, she is RTA’s new Controller. She is a real go-getter, a real inquisitive person, and doesn't take no for an answer. She digs into problems and explores multiple suggested solutions. In a sense, she's me 25 years ago, stated Mr. Ruzinsky!

Mr. Mark Stankiewicz has been with RTA since 2012, for 13 years. He's our new Customer Service Manager. Mark does an excellent job of handling our customers' concerns and complaints and managing Staff in the call center.

Ms. Michelle Garrett has been with RTA since 2005, for 25 years. Michelle is RTA’s new Manager of Mobility and Community Services and has been working in our Certification Center for a considerable amount of time. Michelle also handles scheduling community trips and group outings, and she does a great job interfacing. We've tasked Michelle with overseeing RTA’s Children's Museum downstairs, which will also be referred to as our interactive Learning Center. Congratulations to each employee being promoted!

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Lumpkin stated anyone wishing to address the Board must speak on their own behalf. After you are recognized to speak you must come to the lectern or if you're physically unable to do so a handheld microphone will be brought to you. You must first state your name and address, after doing so, at that point you have 3 minutes to make your comments. A yellow light will come on when you have 30 seconds remaining, and the Secretary will say 30 seconds. When your three minutes are up, a red light will come on and the Secretary will say stop, and at that time you must stop talking and leave the lectern or surrender the microphone.

Ms. Marsha Miller-Jones - 425 Dayton Towers Drive - Apartment 4F – Dayton, OH 45410. Ms. Miller-Jones stated that she typically drives; however, due to a recent injury, she now rides RTA. Ms. Miller-Jones has concerns regarding rapid and unpredictable weather changes as they relate to students, young people, and the elderly. Where do people go who are trying to escape the inclement weather while waiting at the bus bay? Ms. Miller-Jones stated that she observed passengers who missed their bus because they were inside the passenger waiting area due to inclement weather. Additionally, Ms. Miller-Jones' second concern was the lack of customer service a driver recently provided to her while riding the bus. Ms. Miller-Jones stated that the driver told her to exit the bus from the rear; however, she continued to the front of the bus so that the driver could lower the ramp due to her disability. Ms. Miller-Jones stated that the driver became agitated and rude but eventually lowered the ramp.

In closing, Ms. Miller-Jones stated that right before the bus comes to a stop at the corner of Apple and South Main Street, there is a horrific bump that causes a jolt to passengers on the bus. The City of Dayton should be notified to repair that problem before it becomes a problem for RTA and its customers.

Mr. Myron Hicks - 440 Dayton Towers Drive, Apartment 911- Dayton, Ohio 45410. Mr. Hicks stated he had additional information about his personal injuries from RTA from several years ago, and that he wanted to hand-deliver the documents at today's Board meeting.

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS
- ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Dupler thanked Ms. Miller-Jones and Mr. Hicks for bringing their comments to the meeting today. Mr. Dupler commented that the Board is deeply concerned about passenger accessibility. Mr. Dupler stated that he believes Staff is doing everything possible to ensure safe and accessible riding conditions.

Mr. Fullenkamp, along with the entire Board, congratulated all Staff on their recent promotions!

Mr. Lumpkin closed stating that the Board of Trustees appreciates the public comments and that Staff will connect with you after today's meeting and follow up with the Board on their findings.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Lumpkin stated there is a request to go into Executive Session.

MOTION MADE by Mr. Matthews-Stenson and SECONDED by Mr. Fullenkamp to RECESS into Executive Session to discuss security measures.

Roll call was taken:

Mr. Dupler	Yes	Mr. Mullins	Yes
Mr. Fullenkamp	Yes	Mr. Weckesser	Yes
Mr. Lumpkin	Yes	Ms. White	Excused
Ms. Matthews-Stenson	Yes	Mr. Williamson	Excused
Ms. Miller	Excused		

The meeting recessed at 3:23 p.m.

MOTION MADE by Mr. Weckesser and SECONDED by Mr. Fullenkamp to RECONVENE into regular session.

Roll call was taken:

Mr. Dupler	Yes	Mr. Mullins	Yes
Mr. Fullenkamp	Yes	Mr. Weckesser	Yes
Mr. Lumpkin	Yes	Ms. White	Excused
Ms. Matthews-Stenson	Yes	Mr. Williamson	Excused
Ms. Miller	Excused		

The meeting was reconvened at 3:40 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION MADE by Mr. Weckesser and SECONDED by Mr. Dupler to ADJOURN the meeting.

MOTION CARRIED by voice vote.

Ayes: Six Nays: None

The meeting adjourned at 3:41 p.m.

ATTEST

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President
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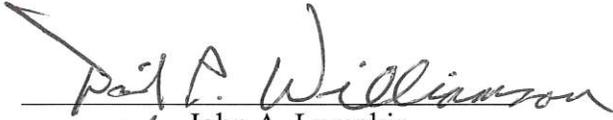
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MOTION CARRIED by voice vote.

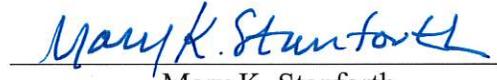
Ayes: Six Nays: None

The meeting adjourned at 3:41 p.m.

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